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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 3-5, 10, 14-33, 35-37, 65-74 and 75-88 will be pending in this application and presented for examination.

Claims 67 and 68 have been currently amended.

Claims 75-88 are newly added. No new matter has been entered with the foregoing amendments and newly added claims. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. FORMALITIES

Claims 67 and 68, which were added as new claims in the amendment dated January 23, 2006, have been amended to correct a typographical error and more particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention with respect to the ratio of C₁-C₆ alcohol to water. Support for these claims is found, for example in paragraph 76 as filed. As such, no new matter has been entered with the foregoing amendments

II. JOINDER OF METHOD CLAIMS

As the current application is special, Applicants did not traverse the restriction requirement dated May 12, 2005. However, the newly added method claims are commensurate in scope to the pending composition claims. Thus, despite the special nature of this application, if Applicants elect claims directed to the product, and the product claims are allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claims must be rejoined. Process claims, which depend from, or otherwise include all the limitations of the patentable product, will be entered (*see*, M.P.E.P. § 821.04). Therefore, after the product claims are found allowable, Applicants respectfully request action on the merit of the method claims.

Claims 75-88 are method claims that are commensurate in scope to composition claims 1, 3-5, 10-12, 14-17 and 67-68. Claims 75 and 88 find further support in paragraph 78 and original claim 39. No new matter has been entered with the foregoing new claims.

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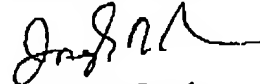
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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